



2011-2012 PIR Change Highlights Summary

Key changes to the 2011-2012 Program Information Report (PIR) from the 2010-2011 Report are noted below. References to question numbers use the numbering from the 2011-2012 PIR. Additional information, including an Advance Copy of the 2012 survey, is available on the ECLKC at the PIR web page at <http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/pir>. Head Start and Early Head Start Programs may wish to review these documents **as they begin services for the 2011-2012 program year**.

Changes and additions to the 2011-2012 PIR were carefully considered based on HSES Help Desk feedback, grantee comments on previous PIRs, and statutory and regulatory language. New questions are on data that programs likely already collect. Consolidations and edits are intended to decrease time and effort needed to complete the PIR.

A. Program Information

- A **choice was added** to the question on Funded Enrollment for Early Head Start (EHS) programs: "Funded Enrollment from the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Grant Program." For all programs, the two existing **choices were renamed** for clarity. The previous choice "ACF Funded Enrollment" was renamed "Head Start/Early Head Start Funded Enrollment, as identified on NOA." The previous choice "Non-ACF Funded Enrollment" was renamed "Funded Enrollment from non-federal sources, i.e. state, local, private" [A.2].
- The question on Turnover was revised to include sub-questions on Transition that were previously asked in Section C. **The new question** on Transition and Turnover has different variations for Head Start preschool programs, Early Head Start programs, and Migrant and Seasonal Head Start programs [A.18 – A.22].
- The question on programs' Management Information Systems asked in previous years was reinstated [A.30].

B. Program Staff & Qualifications

- The **child development staff qualifications tables were changed**. Programs will now report home-based visitors, home-based visitor supervisors, family child care providers, and family child care specialists in a separate table with new categories of qualifications [B.9]. Programs will continue to report classroom teachers and assistant teachers in the previous categories pertaining to early childhood education and related degrees [B.5 and B.8]. Definitions of all staff positions are now included. The child development supervisor position is discontinued.
- The question regarding Family and Community Partnership (FCP) staff working directly with families, i.e. staff with a family caseload, **is now asked** only of FCP Supervisors [B.24.a-2]. This question is no longer asked of Family Workers, since the definition of Family Workers is having a family caseload and working directly with families.
- A new section asks about Education & Child Development (ECD) management staff. A definition of this position is provided. New questions ask about qualifications [B.28] and staff shared by HS and EHS programs [B.29].

C. Child & Family Services

- For the question on primary health insurance for children, **choices were consolidated**. Previously programs were asked to report about Medicaid, CHIP, and Medicaid expansion programs separately. A child enrolled in any of these programs would now be counted in the new, consolidated choice: "Number enrolled in Medicaid and/or CHIP" [C.1].
- Types of primary health insurance **were added** to the question on pregnant women's health insurance [C.3].
- The number of children up-to-date on a schedule of age-appropriate preventive and primary health care according to the relevant state's EPSDT schedule is **now asked "At enrollment" and "At end of enrollment"** [C.8].

- Programs **will now report** a primary reason that a child did not receive needed medical treatment, as part of the question regarding medical treatment for chronic conditions newly diagnosed since last year's PIR [C.8.b].
- For the question addressing medical treatment received for specific chronic conditions diagnosed by a health care professional, "Overweight" is **no longer included** [C.9].
- A **new question** asks Head Start programs and Migrant programs (for preschool children only) to report on the BMI category of each child, using the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) BMI-age-for-growth charts. The possible categories are underweight, healthy weight, overweight, and obese. This question is asked of all children at enrollment. Programs should measure children's height and weight at enrollment in order to calculate Body Mass Index (BMI) and reference the appropriate BMI age-for-growth chart. Instructions and definitions are provided for this new question [C.10].
- The sub-section on immunization services for children includes a **new question** on the number of children who meet their state's guidelines for an exemption from immunizations [C.13].
- The question on services to pregnant women now separates "prenatal health care" and "postpartum health care" into **two separate choices**. Previously they had been combined [C.14].
- For the question addressing primary reasons why children needing dental treatment did not receive that treatment, **a new choice was added**: "No transportation" [C.19].
- For the question on preschool primary disabilities, the **choices were renamed** to reflect the current definitions and regulations in the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Also, "Multiple disabilities, including deaf-blind" had previously been one choice. Per current IDEA practice, there are **now two separate choices**: "Multiple disabilities, excluding deaf-blind" and "Deaf-blind" [C.27].
- The screening sub-section has a **new question** on number of newly enrolled children since last PIR report [C.28].
- A **new question** asks if programs use staff-child observation tools to assess quality, and if so, to provide the name/title of such tools [C.33 and C.34]. This question is free-response; i.e. each program will type an answer
- A **new question** asks the number of families with at least one parent/guardian in the United States military [C.38].
- A **new question** asks the total number of families receiving services under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly referred to as Food Stamps [C.42].
- The question on family services received now separates "substance abuse prevention" and "substance abuse treatment" into **two separate choices**. Previously they had been combined [C.46].
- **New questions** ask the number of enrolled children in foster care at any point during the program year [C.52] and the number of enrolled children who were referred by a child welfare agency [C.53].
- A **new question** under Collaboration Agreements asks about agreements with child welfare agencies [C.58].

General

- **Clarification was provided** regarding several service questions as to whether they should be answered "At enrollment," or "At the end of enrollment." As in previous years, a few questions ask about both time periods.
- **Grammar, consistency, and clarity edits** were made to some Section Names as a continuing part of the PIR improvement process, based on feedback received by the HSES Help Desk. These changes do not affect the intent or context of the questions or their instructions.
- For the questions on enrollment year [A.1], child care subsidy [A.22], participant ethnicity [A.24], program staff & qualifications [Section B introduction], child development staff ethnicity [B.12], medical home [C.5], medical services – children [C.8], mental health referrals [C.24], disabilities services [C.25 and C.26], assessment [C.31], family services [C.46], and father involvement [C.48], **minor edits** were made to Instructions and Definitions and/or the question text as part of continuing improvement efforts. These changes are provided for clarification and do not affect the intent and context of the questions or their instructions.